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SUBJECT:

Criticism in British Press of
BBC Russian Broadcasting

1. The attached exchange of correspondence appearing in the columns of the Spectator in London emphasizes by implication some of the points OSTENT has been trying to make in its current discussions of the appropriate role for Identity 1. BBC Russian broadcasts have so often been held up as an example of how to communicate with the Russian people that it is interesting to note that two of the most qualified experts on Russian affairs in Britain, Professors Wiles and Seton-Watson, both are highly critical of BBC's failure to take advantage of the ferment that has been evident within the Soviet Union. Their criticism of BBC may to some extent be unjustified, since BBC, as VOA, must stay within the bounds of official propriety. But what they do say is a very strong justification of the need for an instrumentality with the policy line and organizational base of Identity 1.

2. We would suggest that both Identities 2 and 3 might wish to review this informed British discussion of a problem which is now before Identity 4.

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Identity 1	-	Radio Liberation
Identity 2	-	Mr. Freers
Identity 3	-	Mr. Lightner
Identity 4	-	Radio Broadcasting Policy Committee

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